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IMMEDIATE HEADQUARTERS

1. DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS OCTOBER [REDACTED] CAME DIRECTLY AND ANNOUNCED TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SAID HE, VIAUX, [REDACTED] AND "AN ARMY OFFICER" WHO HE REFUSED IDENTIFY HAD BEEN IN MEETING EVER SINCE THE EARLIER [REDACTED] - VIAUX TALKS. [REDACTED] SAID THEY HAD GONE OVER WHAT HAD BEEN SAID TO [REDACTED] EARLIER AND NOW WANTED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THEIR POSITION AND NEEDS:

(A) THE ARMS DROP IS NEEDED FOR SANTIAGO AREA WHERE ARMY STRENGTH IS ONLY SIX UNITS (THREE ARE TRAINING UNITS). IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT "THE ARMY COMMAND" WILL COOPERATE WITH VIAUX. NOR CAN ALL THE UNIT COMMANDERS IN SANTIAGO AREA BE DEPENDED UPON TO SUPPORT COUP. THE ARMS WOULD BE USED BY COMMANDO OR SHOCK UNITS (UNIDENTIFIED AS TO STRENGTH AND COMPOSITION) TO CONTROL THE EXTREME LEFT.

(B) TRUCKS USING ANY ROAD INTO SANTIAGO ARE CHECKED

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FOR AGRICULTURAL AND CUSTOMS REASONS BY CARABINEROS. THEREFORE ARMS MUST BE BROUGHT TO CITY FROM DZ BY CAR. VIAUX PEOPLE HAVE 30 CARS PLUS TWO SMALL TRUCKS. MATERIAL TO BE DROPPED SHOULD COME IN SMALL PACKAGES WHICH CAN BE CARRIED IN A CAR AND WRAPPED AS COMMERCIAL ITEMS SHOULD CAR BE STOPPED. SMALL PACKAGES SHOULD BE DROPPED IN LARGER CONTAINERS TO INSURE THAT NO SMALL PACKAGES ARE LEFT IN DZ. VIAUX LEAVES IT TO "EXPERTS" AS TO HOW MUCH MATERIAL SHOULD BE DROPPED EACH TIME.

(C) [REDACTED] CLAIMS VIAUX HAS VHF COMMO GEAR AND FLASHLIGHTS TO GUIDE AIRCRAFT AT DZ. [REDACTED] WILL GIVE [REDACTED] TWO FREQUENCIES AND CODE FOR AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION. SHOULD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING WEATHER, NOT BE RIGHT, AIRCRAFT WILL BE TOLD MAKE DROP AT ALTERNATE DZ.

(D) IN ADDITION TO ARMS ALREADY MENTIONED [REDACTED] VIAUX NEEDS VHF COMMO GEAR FOR COMMANDO UNITS IN SANTIAGO. EXISTING MILITARY COMMO WOULD BE USED ELSEWHERE.

(E) IN ORDER BE SURE ARMY OFFICERS ARE BEHIND HIM VIAUX ESTIMATES HE NEEDS LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE. CLAIMS HE NEEDS FIVE BLANK POLICIES UP TO \$50,000 US CURRENCY AND 20

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OTHER POLICIES UP TO \$25,000. THESE POLICIES SHOULD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY, BLANK, TO BE FILLED OUT BY VIAUX WITH THE OFFICER CONCERNED. ANY COVER WILL DO, ~~REDACTED~~ SAID, BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT SANTIAGO AREA ARMY OFFICERS WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE WITHOUT THIS INSURANCE.

(F) VIAUX EXPECTS ABOUT 10,000 CASUALTIES IN SANTIAGO AREA BEFORE LEFTIST MOBS ARE PUT DOWN. FOR THIS REASON HE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR RIOT CONTROL AND MOB DISPERSAL WEAPONS.

(G) GENERAL SCHNEIDER IS PRINCIPAL STUMBLING BLOCK. HE IS NOT MARXIST BUT HAS DAUGHTER IN MAPU AND SON ACTIVE IN MIR.

2. ~~REDACTED~~ SAID THAT FREI HAS "GIVEN US PLENTY OF INDICATIONS HE DOES NOT WANT TURN GOVERNMENT OVER TO ALLENDE AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE A MILITARY COUP IF HE IS NOT BLAMED FOR IT." ~~REDACTED~~ CLAIMS FREI "HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VIAUX AND WOULD SIMPLY Bow out."

3. VIAUX PLANS SET UP MILITARY TRIUMVERATE IN BEGINNING. WILL NEED EXTENSIVE U.S.G. AID WITHOUT DELAY IN FORM OF FOOD AND MEDICINE. VIAUX AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE CONVINCED THEY CAN

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DO IT, ~~REDACTED~~ SAID. HE ADDED THAT REST OF COUNTRY IS FOR COUP. ONLY PROBLEM ARE LEFTISTS IN SANTIAGO. VIAUX WOULD NOT SET UP A HEADQUARTERS IN SANTIAGO DURING FIGHTING.

~~REDACTED~~ SAID THAT "OBVIOUSLY ANYONE WHO KNOWS AS MUCH AND HAS SUCH FLAP POTENTIAL AS A FOREIGNER LIKE ~~REDACTED~~ SHOULD NOT BE IN CITY WHEN ACTIVITIES BEGIN. NOR SHOULD ANY FOREIGNERS BE ASSOCIATED WITH VIAUX'S HEADQUARTERS. ~~REDACTED~~ SAID (IN ENGLISH) YOU ~~REDACTED~~ WOULD HAVE TO "BUG OUT."

4. ~~REDACTED~~ SAID VIAUX GROUP HAVE BEEN FLOATING RUMORS ABOUT IMPENDING "MOVES" FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS. THEY ARE NOT,

HOWEVER, READY TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY, DESPITE WHAT VIAUX HAD TOLD ~~REDACTED~~ EARLIER. ~~REDACTED~~ SAID HOPES OF MOVING AT ALL HAD BEEN RAPIDLY DECREASING UNTIL NOW. (APPARENTLY MEANING UNTIL ~~REDACTED~~ ARRIVAL ON SCENE.) THE PDC-UP AGREEMENT WAS THE FINAL BLOW AND VIAUX MAIN PROBLEM HAS BEEN TO GET SUFFICIENT MILITARY COMMANDERS IN LINE.

5. ~~REDACTED~~ PROMISES TO PASS THE PROPOSED DE AND RADIO FREQUENCIES AT 1500 HOUR MEETING WITH ~~REDACTED~~ OCTOBER. HAVE LEVIED OTHER REQUIREMENTS ON ~~REDACTED~~ WILL ADVISE.

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